

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6 were rejected as unpatentable over PASSERA et al. 5,909,681 in view of KRUM 6,618,820; claims 5 and 9 were rejected as unpatentable further in view of WEISS et al. 6,071,190; and claim 10 was rejected as unpatentable further in view of COLYER et al. 6,151,621. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 2 and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The Official Action states that the combination of PASSERA et al. and KRUM includes a system in which the configuring algorithm and master application are loaded into each computer of the network. However, this is not believed to be correct. Neither reference teaches loading both the configuring algorithm and master application into each computer of the network. PASSERA et al. loads BuildModel Master only into the master computer, not each computer in the network.

Applicants have very carefully considered the sections of PASSERA et al. cited on page 8 of the Official Action, indeed have carefully considered the entire reference as well as the other references, and have not found any reference to loading both the configuring algorithm and master application into each computer of the network. Note, for example, the PASSERA et al. describes where the programs are loaded at column 6, lines 1-6. The BuildMaster Model is loaded in the RAM of the master

processor while the BuildMaster Slave is loaded in the RAM of each slave processor.

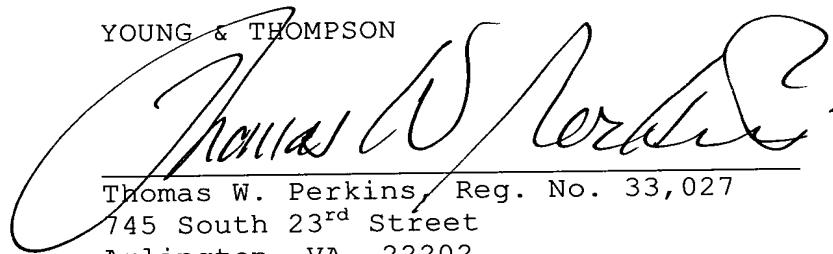
Accordingly, the limitations of claim 2 that have been added to claim 1 are missing from the combination and amended claim 1 avoids the rejections under §103.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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